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FOR MURPHY FROM ATHERTON

1. UNLESS YOU RECEIVE CONTRARY INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE
SECRETARY, OUR FEELING IS IT WOULD BE BETTER TO DELAY
UNTIL YOU CAN SEE SHIHABI PERSONALLY SINCE WE DO NOT WANT
TO ESCALATE THIS TO ASAD LEVEL AT THIS POINT. ALSO, THERE
WOULD BE MERIT IN EXCHANGE WITH SHAHABI AFTER HIS RETURN
FROM BEIRUT. IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO SEE SHIHABI WITHIN 24
(TWENTY-FOUR) HOURS OR SO, PLEASE REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS.

FOR PICKERING FROM ATHERTON

PLEASE TAILOR YOUR APPROACH TO HUSSEIN AS REGARDS

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